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The workshop was held over three and one half days between 22-25 July 1996 at Wellesley College in Wellesley Massachusetts. A record 124 scientists and students participated in it. Of the participants, 45 were affiliated with the two organizing institutions (Center for Astrophysics and Center for Star Formation Studies), 30 were from foreign institutions located in 12 countries (Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, The Netherlands, Taiwan, Sweden and the United Kingdom), and 49 were from 27 additional institutions within the US. Thus the meeting had broad representation from both the national and international scientific communities.

There were 38 oral lectures describing the latest research results pertaining to star and planet formation in young clusters presented at the workshop. In addition there were 65 poster papers describing research in this area also presented at the workshop. Because there was ample space made available by Wellesley College, all posters were up and available throughout the entire duration of the meeting. This insured more than adequate time for all participants to view the posters and interact with their authors. The oral talks were 15 minutes in duration with an additional 15 minutes reserved for questions and discussion. As a result there was considerable discussion and exchange of ideas which insured that the workshop nature of the conference was maintained despite the large attendance.

In summary, the workshop was a great success scientifically while at the same time being extremely cost effective. The 1996 workshop exceeded the overall objectives originally set for it.